

Status of Claims

Claims 15-22 and 24-28 remain pending in this application. The previous office action dated 9/17/2008 indicated that the office action was final and prosecution on this case was closed. This was in clear error, as the grounds of rejection were changed on unamended claims. This *non-final* supplemental action is being sent out to correct this issue. The rejections of the previous office action dated 9/17/2008 are incorporated herein in their entirety. The response period has been reset to 3 months from the mailing date of this non-final supplemental action.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TIMOTHY MUSSELMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-1814. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 6:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on (571)272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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